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MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *May* 15, 1755.

WILLIAMSBURG, *May* 2.

Yeſterday the General Aſſembly of this Colony met, when his Honour the Governor was pleaſed to open the Seſſion with the following SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

BY Directions from *Great-Britain*, I now call you together, that you may conſider of ſuch Meaſures as may be moſt ſuitable to the preſent critical Situation and Circumſtances of the *Britiſh* Colonies on this Continent in general, and of this Dominion in particular.

By a Letter from Sir *Thomas Robinſon*, Secretary of State, which I ſhall cauſe to be laid before you, I was directed to provide a ſufficient Quantity of freſh Proviſions for the Uſe of the Troops from *Ireland*; on their Arrival here, Col. *John Hunter*, in Purſuance of my Orders and Directions did ſupply them; and I hope you will make the neceſſary Diſpoſition for his Reimburſement.

I have the Pleaſure to acquaint you, that his Majeſty, out of his great Regard for his Subjects on this Continent, and a proper Reſentment of the unjuſtifiable Invaſions and Encroachments of the *French*, on his *American* Dominions, has, of his gracious Goodneſs to us, ordered four Regiments, conſiſting each of a Thouſand Men, with a large Train of Artillery for our Aid and Aſſiſtance, beſides the Regiments now at *Nova Scotia*, all at the Expence of the Crown of *Great Britain*.

His Excellency General *Braddock*, Commander in Chief of all his Majeſty's Forces on this Continent; the Honourable Commodore *Keppel*, Commander of his Majeſty's Ships of War; the Governors of *New-England*, *New York*, *Pennſylvania*, *Maryland*, and myſelf, met in Council the 14th of laſt Month; where the Affairs of the Colonies were maturely conſidered, and a Plan of Operations for this Summer's Campaign adjuſted, with ſo much Judgment, that, if properly ſupported, the Deſigns of our Enemies will probably be defeated, and the Peace and Safety of our Country eſtabliſhed on the moſt permanent Foundations.

It was reported that Six *French* Men of War, with Tranſports, were arrived at *Louiſburg*: If it be ſo, that Reinforcement, added to the Forces and Militia in *Canada*, may prove too numerous for our preſent Force; and therefore, in Prudence, we ought to be provided for all Events, and with Spirit and Reſolution, raiſe Men and Money to reinforce and ſupport our preſent Forces.

The Operations of this Year, will, doubtleſs, be attended with conſiderable Expence; and without an adequate Aid from the Colonies, I dread the Conſequences!——Let me therefore intreat you (as it is now in your Power, if you properly exert yourſelves, to render the *French* Schemes abortive) that you would grant with Promptitude, ſuch a ſufficient Supply, as appears to be neceſſary at this critical Juncture; by which Means you will, in all Likelihood, prevent the Occaſion of much greater Expences hereafter, which muſt unavoidably ariſe from a Neglect at preſent.

Many of the other Colonies have ſhewn a good Spirit, and a juſt Regard to his Majeſty's Orders at this Time: The Supplies granted by them, I ſhall cauſe to be laid before you; and I hope their Conduct, will raiſe in you, *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*, a laudable Emulation; and that you will approve your Gratitude for his Majeſty's diſtinguiſhed Care, by rendering it effectual for his gracious Purpoſes, your Preſervation and Proſperity.

Expreſſes will be neceſſary from the Camp to *Williamſburg*.——*Pennſylvania*, and *Maryland*, have laid Horſes from *Winchеſter* to their Colonies. The General ſends his Letters to *Winchеſter*, and I hope you will provide that Horſes may be held in Readineſs at proper Stages, for Diſpatches from thence to this Place.

The Ordinaries are very extravagant; the Subaltern Officers and Soldiers cannot pay as other tranſient Travellers, and I hope you will make a ſuitable Regulation in that Behalf.

The poor Men who ſuffered at the Meadows with Col. *Waſhington*, I recommend to your Favour, as they were diſabled in the Service of their Country.

I have received an Inſtruction from his Majeſty, relating to an Act of Aſſembly, in regard to Executions and Relief of inſolvent Debtors; I am ordered to recommend it to you, to paſs an Act of the like Nature, with ſome Amendments, which I now do, and ſhall cauſe the Inſtruction to be laid before you.

Your laſt Vote of Supply was very agreeably received at Home, and you were accordingly truly recommended for your dutiful Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands; continue thus to diſtinguiſh yourſelves the Sons of *Britons*, and convince the World, that the heroic martial Spirit of your Progenitors, (famed over the Univerſe) ſtill animates their Children in the remoteſt Regions.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I am ſo intimately acquainted with your impending Danger, and ſo earneſtly deſirous that it may be averted, that I cannot conclude without exhorting you to conſider, with the moſt ſerious Attention, the great and important Affairs which I have now laid before you, and the abſolute Neceſſity there is at preſent of the moſt vigorous and effectual Reſolutions, for the Preſervation of your Lives! Your Liberties! Your Properties! Your Religion! all that is held dear and ſacred among Mankind.

A Meſſage from his Excellency ARTHUR DOBBS, *Eſq; Captain General, and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majeſty's Province of* North Carolina, *to the General Aſſembly, held at* Newbern, *the twelfth Day of* December, 1754.

Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

HAVING in my Speech to you at your Meeting, told you that I ſhould, in a more ample Manner, lay before you the Grand Plan of *France*, to ruin and diſtreſs all the *Britiſh* Colonies on this Continent; I take the earlieſt Opportunity of laying their wicked and enſlaving Scheme before you, that you may ſee the Neceſſity there is of granting a reaſonable and immediate Supply, and entering into a Plan of Union with all the *Britiſh* Colonies, for our mutual future Defence.

The *French*, ever active and ambitious, under the unſatiable and rapacious Houſe of *Bourbon*, whoſe Miniſters, having deſtroyed the *Gallic* Liberties by the eſtabliſhing an arbitrary Power in the King alone, have, for near Two Centuries, laid a Plan for enſlaving *Europe*, by ruining the Liberties of the *Germanic* Body, and Proteſtant Intereſt of *Europe*: Their firſt Attempt was to ruin the Houſe of *Auſtria*, by playing the *Germanic* Body againſt their Head, and raiſing themſelves upon its Ruin; and made Uſe of the *Germanic* Proteſtant Powers for that Purpoſe, when, at the ſame Time, they were ruining the Proteſtants in *France*, and depriving the *French* of their Liberties; whilſt they were extending their Limits, at the Expence of *Germany*, and the *Spaniſh* Branch of the Houſe of *Auſtria*; and by that Means had forced the Houſe of *Spain*, for the Sake of Peace, to intermarry with the Houſe of *Bourbon*, upon their ſolemn Renounciation of their Right of Succeſſion to the *Spaniſh* Monarchy: That fatal Match has been the Cauſe of the late expenſive Wars, and has endangered the Loſs of the Liberties of *Europe*; for by the *Gallic* Intrigues, they have eſtabliſhed a younger Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*, to govern the *Spaniſh* Monarchy; which by its Pretenſion to, and Poſſeſſion of, above Half of *America*, which they claim as their Right only by a Papal Donation, have acquired a Dominion more extenſive and rich than any Empire ever known on the Globe: Thus *France*, from a powerful Enemy, has made the *Spaniſh* Monarchy a confirmed and potent Ally, with ſome Hopes, I fear too well grounded, of its being ſooner or later united to the *Gallic* Monarchy.

But the *French*, after Two long and bloody Wars, having been obſtructed in their Plan of aggrandizing themſelves in *Europe*, by failing in their Attempt of ruining the Houſe of *Auſtria*, by the Prudence, Magnanimity, and ſteady Conduct of our moſt gracious King, the Father of his People, who, ſupported by the Courage, Wealth, and Naval Power, of the *Britiſh* Empire, by powerfully ſupporting and aſſiſting his Allies, hath defeated the *Gallic* future Schemes in *Europe*: The *French*, mad at their Diſappointment, finding that the *Britiſh* Liberties and Proteſtant Intereſt are ſecure under his Majeſty's Government, and confirmed by the Proteſtant Succeſſion in his illuſtrious Houſe; and that *Britain* can't be conquered or reduced but by ruining its Commerce, and with it our Naval Power, have changed their Syſtem, and have laid a Plan to ruin the *Britiſh* Commerce, by confining, invading, and conquering all our *American* Colonies, by firſt attempting the Colonies on the Continent; for by ſecuring the Fiſheries, and Naval Stores of *America*, they would increaſe their Marine, and ruin the Commerce, and with it the Naval Power of *Britain*; and then they would divide *America* with the *Spaniards*, and the whole would center in the Houſe of *Bourbon*; for then, by the Aſſiſtance of *France*, *Portugal* muſt fall an eaſy Prey to the Power of *Spain*, and the *French* would ſtipulate to have the *Braxils*, *Africa*, and *India*, yielded to them as the elder Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; and then the Wealth and Power of *Britain* being reduced, all the Powers of *Europe*, though united, could not withſtand the united Power and Wealth of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; it being demonſtrable, that thoſe who have the Wealth, Power, and Commerce of *America*, *Africa*, and the *Indies*, muſt be Maſters of the Liberties of *Europe*.

The *Gallic* Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*, diſtinguiſhed of late for their worſe than punic Faith, have, for at leaſt a Century, never ended one War, but with a View to extend their Power and Dominions in Time of Peace, by Force or Intrigues, and to prepare for another War; and think it no Crime to invade or incroach upon their Neighbours, who obſtruct their Schemes, in profound Peace, thinking themſelves not bound by the moſt ſolemn Treaties, if they prevent their aggrandizing their Empire.

This has been very notorious formerly in *Europe*, but their Schemes proving abortive there, they have of late proſecuted their Plan in *America*: Have they not, contrary to the moſt ſolemn Treaties, deprived us of the greateſt and beſt Part of *Nova-Scotia*, to the Weſtward of the Bay of *Fundi*? Erected Forts at *Chignecto*, to confine us within the *Peninſula*? And made another, and are forming a Settlement on the River of St. *John's*, to ruin the Trade of *New-England*, and the *Northern* Colonies, by their Privateers in the next War, when we ſhall be couped up by their Shipping there, and at *Louiſburg*? Have not they, by their helliſh Miſſionaries, ſpirited up all their *Indian* Allies to maſſacre and make Depredations, not only in *Nova-Scotia*, but againſt all our *Northern* Colonies? Have they not erected a Fort at *Crown-Point*, to diſtreſs and confine our Colonies of *New-England* and *New York*, on Lands which are the undoubted Right of his Majeſty? Have they not erected a Fort at *Niagara*, upon the Lands of the *Six-Nations*, our acknowledged and declared Allies by the Treaty of *Utrecht*? Have they not laid a Claim to, and erected Forts upon, his Majeſty's Lands on the Back of *Virginia*, and pretend a Right to all the Lands beyond the Mountains, as far as the *Miſſiſippi*? Have they not, contrary to the Right of Treaties, deprived us of

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the *Indian* Trade, and ſeized our Traders and all their Goods, in Time of profound Peace? Have not they privately ſent over and increaſed their Forces, from Time to Time, both in *Louiſiana* and *Canada*? And have not they ſent Forces from *Louiſiana*, to erect a Fort on the Entrance of the *Ouabach*, or River of St. *Jerome*, into the *Ohio*? Are not theſe enormous Invaſions and Incroachments in Time of Peace? Are not they gaining all the *Indian* Nations, intercepting and depriving us of our *Indian* Allies, and daily inſtigating their Allies to ſcalp, maſſacre, and deſtroy our Settlers? Theſe are all Facts too notorious and recent to be denied; and muſt naturally diſcover to us the whole Plan and Scheme laid by the *French* to confine, conquer, and enſlave, all our Colonies.

A Scheme grand in its Extent, romantic in Appearance, and even beyond the Power of *France* to execute, altho' the Crown has an abſolute Power over all the Private Purſes of his Subjects, when he has a Call for them; provided the Colonies exert their native Force immediately, and repel them to their inhoſpitable cold Colony of *Canada*, and confine them to the hot Sands of *Louiſiana*. The Plan that they have laid, is no leſs than immediately to confine our Colonies betwixt the Mountains and the Eaſtern Ocean, by erecting Forts from *Canada* to *Louiſiana*, upon the *Ohio*, and principal Rivers betwixt the Two Colonies, fixing ſtrong Garriſons in them, and ſo forming a Chain for above 2000 Miles to prevent our correſponding or trading with our *Indian* Allies. When that is done, and they have, by Menaces, or by their helliſh jeſuitical Miſſionaries, made Proſelytes of them, not to the true Chriſtian Religion, founded on Peace, Benignity, and brotherly Love, but to the Pomps and outward Trappings of the Popiſh Hierarchy and Superſtition; and have inſpired an enthuſiaſtic Fury into them againſt Proteſtants, whom they call Heretics, making it meritorious in them to maſſacre and deſtroy them, upon which they aſſure them their future Happineſs depends; then they propoſe proceeding further, and to ſeize and ſecure all the Paſſes on the Mountains, and head the *Indians* againſt all our Colonies, and force us to become tributary, or to ſubmit to the arbitrary Government of *France*, and become their Slaves, or be maſſacred by them and their *Indians*, or be forced out of our Religion, Liberties, and Properties; a fatal Dilemma, ſhould they execute their Scheme!

This Scheme, hatched in *Hell*, and ſupported by the Court of *Rome*, ſo iniquitous and unlikely to be brought to Perfection, could never be adopted by the Court of *France*, if they were not prepoſſeſſed that the Britiſh Colonies were unwilling, or incapable of uniting and exerting their Force; imagining (for which they have ſome Grounds) that the ſeveral Colonies are like a Rope of Sand, each guided by ſelfiſh partial Views; and that each Planter is more wedded to his own private Gain, than to defend the Rights of his Community, or of the Neighbouring Colonies, and will not part with a Share of his Wealth, to ſecure the Remainder; imagining, that he will be the laſt that ſhall ſuffer, or vainly expecting, that *Britain* can and will be at the whole Expence, and let them indolently look on; ſo that before they can be brought to act, the *French* will have formed the Chain, and gain their Ends: They alſo conſider the military Genius of the *French* Gentry, who are all educated with a View to Pomp and Power, and their whole Thoughts are turn'd to ſupport the Glory of the Grand Monarque, and therefore are never eaſy in Time of Peace, but always forming Projects for aggrandizing *France* by the next War; ſo that this villainous Opinion they have of the *Britiſh* Planters in the Colonies, and the enthuſiaſtic Spirit of their military Gentry, induce the *French* Miniſtry to undertake Schemes beyond their Power to execute.

If then we give the *French* Time to execute the Scheme they have begun, the Liberties, Properties, and Proteſtant Religion in theſe Colonies, will be unavoidably loſt.

How miſerable muſt be the Condition then of all our Colonies, when confined within the Mountains, deprived of all the Inland Trade of the Continent; and the *Indians*, from being our faithful Allies, obliged to become our inveterate Enemies; drove by them from the Mountains toward the Sea Coaſt; our Sea Coaſt attacked by flying *French* Squadrons, and Privateers: In this Situation we muſt ſubmit to be Slaves to *France*, become their Hewers of Wood, and Drawers of Water, ſupporting them with moſt enormous Taxes.

We have however one Way to make their whole Scheme abortive; if we exert our whole native Force without Loſs of Time, before they are prepared and ſtrengthened by a ſufficient Force from *France*; it being evident at preſent, that we outnumber the *French* Colonies upon this Continent by above Forty to One, and are yet ſtrengthened with many brave *Indian* Allies.

Great-Britain, which has formed and nurſed up theſe Colonies from their Infancy to a State of Manhood, and hath greatly increaſed their Numbers and Wealth, by protecting them hitherto, and ſending or permitting many *Britiſh* Families to come and ſettle in them; and which, by its mild free Government, has encouraged many Foreign Proteſtants to come over and ſettle and increaſe their Numbers; and though ſhe is loaded with Debts, and enormous, tho' neceſſary, Taxes, hath not only protected theſe Colonies, but indulged them in paying a ſmall Quit rent, and the eaſieſt Taxes (ſpent in their own Support) of any civilized Nation on the Globe. Whilſt *Britain*, and every State in *Europe*, are loaded with Taxes, and moſt of the trading Nations with heavy Debts; whilſt *Britain* is ſtruggling under theſe Difficulties, altho' the Parliament hath a Power of taxing the Colonies for their own Support, by taking off the Premiums they pay us for ſome of our Exports, and laying on Duties upon what we export to *Britain*, or elſewhere; yet his Majeſty, in Regard to his faithful Colonies, is only deſirous that they ſhould unite and form a Society amongſt themſelves, to raiſe a proper and adequate Quota or Fund for their mutual Support and Defence, that the united Force of the Colonies may act together, and have its due Weight; and leaves it to the Colonies, to conſider of the moſt equitable and proper Method of raiſing the Taxes which are neceſſary for the Support of his Government, their own Peace and Safety, and a reaſonable Sum from each of the Colonies, to be laid up as a Fund, to ſupport and increaſe our *Indian* Allies, and to prevent all foreign Invaſions and Encroachments: And if *France* ſhould ſtill go on with their romantic Scheme, and ſeeing us exert our whole native Force, ſhould pour in Troops from *France* to enſlave us, then his Majeſty will, no Doubt, maintain the Rights of *Britain* by its Naval Power, and enable the Colonies to ſupport their juſt Rights and Properties.

In this critical Situation, let us, his Majeſty's faithful Subjects of the Colony of *North-Carolina*, ſhew that we are true Sons of *Britain*, whoſe Anceſtors have been ever famous for defending their valuable Religion, and Liberties; and that we are ſtill inſpired with the ſame Spirit of Liberty, and are determined to ſupport our Religious and Civil Rights, and hand them down to our Poſterity: Let us ſhew, that tho' we are one of the lateſt ſettled Colonies, and ſcarcely arrived at the State of Manhood that our neighbouring Colonies have attained to, either in Wealth or Number, yet that we are ſtill ready to exert our Power, and grant an immediate Supply to aſſiſt in the General Defence; and that as we have already ſhewn a good Example, ſo we ſhall continue to be a laudable Precedent to the reſt of the more opulent Colonies; and inſtead of entering into private Party Quarrels, as ſome have done, or poſtponing or putting off proper Supplies, by an ill-judged OEconomy; or out of a penurious ſelfiſh Conſideration, as ſome Proprietary and Charter Colonies have done; vainly imagining that the Danger is at a Diſtance, and that they will leave the Brunt of it to others; and that *Britain*, loaded with Debts and Taxes, will defend them, and indulge them in living without Taxes, or aſſiſting in the General Defence of the Colonies. Let us then chearfully give what is reaſonable and proper for us, by an immediate Supply, as well knowing that a moderate Sum now granted, will go farther in ſecuring our Rights and Properties, than ten Times as much, if longer delayed: Let us then inſpire the other Colonies with an equal Fire to maintain their Religion and Liberties, and to preſerve the Friendſhip, and defend the Rights of our *Indian* Allies. This, as grateful Men, we owe to them, for the Happineſs we enjoy in poſſeſſing theſe fine Climates and rich Lands of *America*, which were once theirs, either by Poſſeſſion or Conqueſt; this we owe to them, as free Men and true Chriſtians, to promote their Happineſs, and make them Partakers of our happy Conſtitution, and extending it thro' the Continent, by endeavouring to civilize and incorporate with them, and to lay a Foundation for their becoming Chriſtians; and this true Chriſtian Zeal will heap Bleſſings upon all our Colonies and our Poſterity.

Let us then for a little while confine our Appetites and Luxuries, and part with a reaſonable Part of our Wealth to preſerve the Remainder, and our happy Conſtitution in Church and State, to our lateſt Poſterity.

From the GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE, *for* January.

Mr. URBAN,

IF you take Delight in aiding the Wretched, you will with Pleaſure, aſſiſt me, for none can be more an Object of Pity.

I am now old and infirm, and have had ſix Children, of whom a Son is the only Survivor. I was not rich, but I loved him tenderly, and in the Education which I gave him, my OEconomy ſupplied the Place of Wealth. His Improvements anſwered my Care. I ſent him to ſtudy the Law at the *Temple*; I almoſt deprived myſelf of the common Neceſſaries of Life, in order to ſupport him there genteely. He was called to the Bar, was diligent, and practiſed with Succeſs. He was well made and handſome. A rich Lady, whoſe Affairs he managed, took a Liking to him, and made Propoſals for his marrying her Daughter, provided he could make a moderate Settlement on her. Such a Settlement depended on me alone, and conſiſted of two ſmall Eſtates, one of which I held by Inheritance, and the other I purchaſed with my Savings. On the Income of theſe I had lived myſelf, and educated him.

He ſent me the Lady's Propoſals, entered into a Detail of the Advantages that would ariſe from cloſing with them, and, in a Word, ſaid his Fortune was in my Hands. Alas! in regard to his Intereſt, it could not have been in better.

I ſet out for *London*, and immediately agreed to give him one Half of the Eſtate at preſent, and to ſettle the other Half upon him after my Demiſe.

He was married ſoon after; he quitted the Bar for more profitable Employments. His Wife died in Child-Bed; with her all my Comfort died; ſhe loved me, and I ſhall always honour her Memory.

Four or Five Months afterwards, he wanted a large Sum of Money, for ſome grand Scheme. He borrowed from his Friends, but could not raiſe enough to anſwer his Purpoſe. He applied himſelf to me. I am of a frank and open Diſpoſition, and apt to think others as undeſigning as myſelf; I imagined he would always conſult my Eaſe and Happineſs as much as I could do; and that by giving him my whole Eſtate, it would only ſhift Hands, but ſtill be as much at my own Command, as it was before. Alas! how greatly have I impoſed upon myſelf by my fond Credulity! Well, I ſold my Eſtate at his Requeſt, and let him have the Purchaſe Money, without taking any Counter-Security from him. That Affair paſt between us without any Witneſs. His Scheme ſucceeded even beyond his Expectation. His Income was now ſo large, that he left off his Buſineſs, took a Houſe in a politer Part of the Town, furniſhed it in an elegant Manner, ſet up an Equipage, and hired more Servants.

He got a new Set of Acquaintance in high Life; received coldly, and by Degrees dropt, his old Friends; and, at laſt, bluſh'd to own his Father.

I was ſenſible of this Alteration in his Conduct, but would, at firſt, have flattered myſelf, that I was deceived.

About this Time I happened to be taken very ill; he neglected me, and ſo did his Servants, after his Example. This I own afflicted me grievouſly; he had not been in my Chamber for four Days. I ſent to ſpeak with him; he came: I complained of the little Care that was taken of me. "*It is your own Fault*, ſaid he, *you are very hard to be pleaſed.*" "This was the firſt Time, ſaid I, "you ever told me ſo, and your Anſwer aſtoniſhes "me." "*It was ſcarce worth your while*, ſaid "he, *to call me hither only to quarrel with me, as indeed you do with every Body. All proper Care is taken of you, but you are never ſatisfied, and always complaining. What can be done? I hope you will recover your Temper, and be leſs fretful, when you have recovered your Health. I would then adviſe you to go down into the Country, and dwell there. You will have more Quiet than you can have here, and may live in your own Way. My Manner of Living will not ſuit you, and thus we ſhall not lay one another under any Reſtraint.*" Speaking theſe Words he left me, while a Boy, who heard them, turned his Head aſide, to laugh at and mock me.

The Behaviour of my Son ſtruck me, the Saucineſs of the Boy pierced my Soul. I fully comprehended the Wretchedneſs of my Condition, and perceived that I was a Stranger in my Son's Houſe, or rather, that I had no Son.

I kept my Bed ſome Days longer; at length I got up, and had recovered a little Strength. I dreſt myſelf as well as I could. Dinner approached. I heard the Bell ring, and I called for Somebody to help me down Stairs. Anſwer was made, *Coming, Sir*, but no one came near me; I attempted, therefore to hobble down, leaning on my Cane, and had got to the Landing Place of the firſt Stair-Caſe, when my Son came briſkly from his Apartment; "*What is the Meaning of this?* ſaid he "with a rude Tone of Voice; *What Whim has "ſeized you? Where are you going? Company dine "here To-day; is that a fit Dreſs for you to appear "in? Were you afraid your Dinner would not be*

" *sent you?* Tom, *help my Father up Stairs.*" So saying, he clapped to his Door.

For my Part, I was ſtruck dumb, and Tears flowed from my Eyes. *Tom* took hold of my Arm, telling me I was ſtrong and hale for my Age. I crept up Stairs, and entered my Chamber, ſcarce knowing where I was. I found myſelf faint, and aſked for a Glaſs of Wine, which was brought me in a Quarter of an Hour. Then ſome cold Soup was ſet before me, but I could not eat it, nor any Thing elſe; my Dinner came too late.

I cloſed that Day in the moſt oppreſſive Hurry and Confuſion of Thought that can be imagined. My Sighs were every Moment mingled with my Tears. Where (ſaid I to myſelf) ſhall I go? I have ſtripped myſelf of every Thing; I have nothing that I can call my own. However, I reſolved at laſt, as I was going to Bed, to quit my Son's Houſe the next Day: It would be Death to me to ſtay there; I could no longer breathe in it. I intended to call upon one of our Friends to let him know my Situation, and beg his Aſſiſtance. With this View I roſe before my uſual Hour, and dreſt myſelf.

My being up and dreſt had been probably told my Son, for he entered my Room juſt as I was going out. " *Where are you going, Father,*" ſaid he? " I " am going, ſaid I, to look out for ſome charitable " Friend, who will give me my Bread with a good " Grace. You know, I have none of my own, I " have parted with it all to you."

" *What wild Reaſoning!* ſays he: *To what ſtrange Caprices are People ſubject at your Time of* " *Life! It ſeems, then, you were mightily offended* " *at the Truths I told you Yeſterday Morning.*

" My Son, ſaid I, I am ſufficiently mortified; " let me depart, I beſeech you, without a Reply. " You are not in a Temper to ſpeak to me. All " your Words are Daggers; you do not know " their Force; they ſtab me to the Heart. Oh! " that I might die in Peace."

" *We will have no more Diſputes,* ſaid he, with " a loud Tone of Voice; *indeed Sir, you are in the* " *Wrong. There are a thouſand Things which your* " *own Thoughts might have ſuggeſted to you. You* " *are far advanced in Life; you have generally lived* " *in your own little Houſe in a remote Country.* Your " *Notions,* your *Cuſtoms,* your *Hours,* and your " *Manner of Living, are ſo very different from* " *thoſe which now prevail in Town, that I am* " *amazed you were not firſt weary of the Company* " *who viſit here. Now it ſeems, you are not ſen-* " *ſible of this; but I muſt tell you, I am. To be* " *ſure, it muſt be a pretty Amuſement for your Son,* " *to ſee you converſe with the Perſons of Faſhion,* " *polite and delicate, who honour* me *with their* " *Company, and laugh at* your *Ruſticity; and yet* " *this is really the Caſe.*

" *It is true, I have raiſed myſelf from a low Be-* " *ginning, but what of that? There is no Occaſion* " *to let all the World know it; and yet this is what* " *your Gait and awkward Appearance proclaim to* " *all who ſee you; and you are ever glad to thruſt* " *yourſelf into Company.* You *need not teize any* " *Body with your frivolous Complaints.*

" *I have ordered my Poſt Chaiſe to be got ready,* " *it will be at the Door in half an Hour, and carry* " *you to my Houſe in* Weſtmoreland. *A Servant* " *ſhall attend you. I have already written, to have* " *the Houſe and your Bed well aired. You ſhall* " *have all proper Accommodations. You will be* " *Maſter of the Houſe, move in your proper Sphere,* " *keep your own Hours, and converſe with ſuch Peo-* " *ple as* you *like. I will ſometimes come down and* " *viſit you. Father, adieu; I wiſh you a good* " *Journey: My Servants will put up your Cloaths* " *and your Baggage.*"

As he ſpoke theſe Words, he flew from me; he did not once embrace, nor drop one kind Word at parting, except that he called me *Father.* His *Mouth* indeed *uttered* that Word, but his Heart did not *feel* it. He was not moved with my Conſternation, my ſad Silence, nor with the Tears which guſhed from my Eyes.

In a ſhort Time the Servants came for my Baggage, and told me the Chaiſe was ready. I was led down Stairs, lifted into the Chaiſe, half dead with Grief, and brought to this Place.

I have now languiſhed here above two Years, but have not once ſeen, and ſeldom hear from my Son. I am deprived of all Conſolation, and, in this dreary Place, ſometimes ſcarce enjoy the Neceſſaries of Life.

My Son, Mr. *Urban,* takes in your Magazine, and if you allow this Letter a Place there, may, perhaps, caſt his Eye on it; unattentive as he is to higher Motives, he may poſſibly pay ſome Regard to *Decency* and the *Opinion of the World.*

I am, SIR,
Your afflicted humble Servant,
LEAR.

WILLIAMSBURG, *May* 2.

Extract of a private Letter from a Gentleman in *Edinburg* to his Correſpondent here.

" Edinburg, Feb. 20.

" SIR,

" BY *private Letters from* London, *we learn,* " *That his Majeſty ſent for* Mr. Legge, *and* " *deſired him to acquaint the Houſe of Commons,* " *that the French King had acted moſt treacherouſly* " *with him, and broke all Faith, and he now un-* " *derſtood all his Armaments and warlike Prepara-* " *tions were intended againſt his* Eaſt-India *Domi-* " *nions; and further, That the* French *Embaſſador* " *had likewiſe told him abſolute Falſhoods, but,* " *That he was determined to defend* Great-Britain, " *and her Trade, to the utmoſt of his Power; did* " *not intend to enter into any Land War, but put* " *all the Strength of* Britain *to Sea, and had, with* " *this View, laid aſide all Thoughts of going abroad,* " *and intended to have a greater Fleet at Sea than* " *ever he had.*

" *When* Mr. Legge *had delivered this Meſſage,* " *all the Houſe fired to a Man, and approved highly* " *of his Majeſty's Meaſures, and* Mr. *Speaker made* " *a very pathetic Speech, and aſſured him, that all* " *neceſſary Supplies ſhould be granted.*

" *The* French *Fleet is ſailed for the* Eaſt-Indies; " *and there are* 6000 *Marines to be raiſed with all* " *Expedition, which are to be put on Board a ſtrong* " *Squadron to follow them without Delay.*

" *It's reported, the* French *intended to have con-* " *cealed their warlike Deſigns, till they had deſtroy-* " *ed all our Naval Force; this they were to accom-* " *pliſh by ſending in Ships to all our Ports, in a* " *ſeeming friendly Way, and under Cloud of Night* " *put their execrable Deſign in Execution, by ſetting* " *them all on Fire.*

" *The King aſked the* French *Embaſſador, what* " *his Maſter meant by all his warlike Preparations,* " *and told him, it was very ſtrange that no Power* " *in* Europe *durſt truſt him he was ſo falſe, but he* " *hoped ſoon to have a Fleet at Sea, able and will-* " *ing, to fruſtrate all his wicked Intentions.*

" *It's alſo reported that the young Pretender is* " *appearing openly in* France.

" *They are beating up both here and at* Leith *for* " *Sailors, with pretty good Succeſs.*"

ANNAPOLIS.

We hear that a White Servant Man, and ſeveral Negroes, are committed to Charles *County Goal, on Suſpicion of having poiſon'd their late Maſter* Mr. Jeremiah Chaſe, *whoſe Death we lately mentioned. It is ſaid that the White Man has confeſſed the Fact.*

This Day Capt. Birſtall, *in the Schooner* Induſtry, *arrived here from* Madeira, *and brings the melancholy News of the Death of* Mr. RICHARD HILL, *junior, eldeſt Son to* Dr. HILL, *formerly of this Province, at that Iſland, after a lingering Illneſs, on the* 18*th of* March *paſt.*

Cuſtom-Houſe, ANNAPOLIS, *Enter'd,*
Schooner Induſtry, John Birſtall, from Madeira.
Cleared for Departure,
Ship Friendſhip, John Rattray, for S. Carolina;
Brig Wm. and Mary, George Fulton, for Halifax.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship BALTIMORE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, on board the ſaid Veſſel, lying in* Weſt River, *or by* Stephen Steward, *for Sterling or Current Money,*

A PARCEL of healthy INDENTED SERVANTS, conſiſting chiefly of Tradeſmen and Farmers.

Robert Wilſon.

To be RUN for,

ON Thurſday the 29th of this Inſtant *May,* on the Race-Ground, at *Pig-Point,* the Sum of FIFTEEN POUNDS Current Money, by any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, that never won a Prize of Ten Pounds Currency (or the Value thereof at any one Time before); each Horſe, *&c.* to be enter'd with *John Zachariah Allein* the Day before the Race, and to pay Fifteen Shillings Entrance Money, and to carry One Hundred and Twelve Pounds Weight, and to Run Three Heats, and each Heat Three Times round the Poles.

And alſo to be Run for on Friday the 30th Inſtant, the Sum of TEN POUNDS Currency; each Horſe, *&c.* to pay Ten Shillings Entrance Money. The winning Horſe, *&c.* the Day before to be excepted; and to Run on the ſame Terms as above.

Any Diſputes ariſing, to be determined by Gentlemen appointed for that Purpoſe.

RAN away from the Subſcriber, living at *Benedict,* on the 2d of *February* laſt, an hired *Iriſh* Servant Man, named *Patrick Smith,* about 5 Feet 4 Inches high, and pretty thick ſet. He had on when he went away, a black Everlaſting Waiſtcoat, a light Fuſtian Jacket with white Metal Buttons, a grey Sagathy Coat with blue Lining, a Pair of blue Half-thick Breeches, and a cut Grizzel Wig.

Whoever ſhall ſecure the ſaid *Patrick Smith,* or convey him to the Subſcriber, ſhall receive Ten Shillings, beſides what the Law allows. paid by

Baſil Brooke.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the GOOCH, *Capt.* CHEW, *and to be SOLD by the Subſcriber, at his Store, formerly Mr.* Johnſon's, *in* ANNAPOLIS,

VARIETY of *European* and *Eaſt India* GOODS, ſuitable to the Seaſon: Alſo Superfine SCARLET and BLUE CLOTH, GOLD LACE, GOLD and SILVER VELLUM, SAIL DUCK, *Weſton's* beſt SNUFF, *&c. &c.* 2

Daniel Wolſtenholme.

RAN away on the 13th of *April* laſt, from the Subſcriber, living near *Bladenſburg,* in *Prince George's* County, a Servant Man, named *Nathanael Sherlard* (but may probably change his Name), by Trade a Carpenter and Joiner, a well-ſet, clean limb'd Man, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, of a ſwarthy Complexion, has black Eyes, and a ſly Look. He has taken many Cloaths with him, both Men and Womens, ſome new Linen and Money, a Blanket and coarſe Sheet, alſo ſome Carpenters and Joiners Tools, ſuch as Chizzels, Saws, Broad Axe, a Smoothing Plane, *&c.* and a large Man's Saddle and Bridle; but as no Horſe is miſſing, it is ſuppoſed he had ſome Companion to help him to one. 2

Whoever apprehends the ſaid Servant, and brings him to the Subſcriber, ſhall receive Four Piſtoles Reward, if taken within Forty Miles from Home; if taken at a greater Diſtance, Five Piſtoles Reward; and reaſonable Charges, paid by

Andrew Beall.

BY an Act of Aſſembly, made laſt *February* Seſſions, the Commiſſioners of the Paper Currency Office are directed to give public Notice to all the Debtors to the ſaid Office, to come and pay the Intereſt due upon their ſeveral Bonds, which they think they cannot do more to the Satisfaction of the Public, than by publiſhing the three ſubſequent Paragraphs of the aforeſaid Act. *Signed* per *Order of the Commiſſioners,*

Richard Dorſey,
Clerk Paper Currency Office.

" WHEREAS it is apparent that many " and great Sums of Money are and have " a long Time been due for Intereſt ariſing on " Loans, made by the Commiſſioners or Truſtees " of the Paper Currency Office;

" *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honour-* " *able the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Ad-* " *vice and Conſent of his Lordſhip's Governour, and* " *the Upper and Lower Houſes of Aſſembly, and the* " *Authority of the ſame,* That the ſaid Commiſſi- " oners do, and they are hereby directed and re- " quired, forthwith, to give public Notice in the " *Maryland* Gazette, that the ſeveral and reſpective " Debtors to the ſaid Office, whether for Sums of " Money collected upon Funds, or for Intereſt up- " on Bonds, or other Securities, do, by the Firſt " Day of *June* next, bring, and pay into the ſaid " Office, the ſaid ſeveral Sums ſo as aforeſaid re- " ſpectively due. 3

" *And be it further Enacted, by the Authority* " *aforeſaid,* That in Caſe ſuch Debtors as afore- " ſaid, ſhall not by the Time aforeſaid, bring and " pay into the ſaid Office, the ſaid Sums, ſo as " aforeſaid collected upon Funds, and due for In- " tereſt as aforeſaid, the ſaid Commiſſioners are " hereby directed and required, immediately, to " proceed to the Recovery of Principal and Intereſt " due on ſuch Bonds, agreeable to the Directions " of an Act of Aſſembly, entituled, *An Act to* " *prevent Evils ariſing from the entering up Judg-* " *ments upon Bonds, commonly called Judgment Bonds,* " *to direct the Manner of iſſuing Executions on Loan-* " *Office Bonds, and to regulate certain Fees therein* " *mentioned;* and of other Securities, and ſuch Sums " of Money as are or ſhall be collected upon Funds, " as aforeſaid, according to Law."

N. B. They will attend conſtantly every Wedneſ- *day for that Purpoſe.*

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Jonathan Mullineux*, at *Elk Ridge*, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Black Mare, with a Star in her Forehead, branded I D on the near Buttock, and has a long Sprig Tail.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Henry Stevenſon*, near *Baltimore Town*, in *Baltimore* County, taken up as a Stray, a likely, middle ſiz'd, Dark Brown Mare, with ſome Saddle Spots on her Back, and a few white Hairs in her Forehead, but has no perceivable Brand.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Charles Boſley*, in *Baltimore* County, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Black Horſe, with a Star in his Forehead, and a Snip on his Noſe, and is about 9 or 10 Years old.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

For CORK *directly*,

The Brig ENDEAVOUR,

JOHN JONES,

Maſter,

A prime Sailer, with exceeding good Accommodations for Paſſengers,

WILL certainly ſail by the 20th Day of *May*. For Paſſage apply to the ſaid Maſter, or *William Govane*, Merchant, in *Baltimore Town*.

April 24, 1755.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Inhabitants of *Anne Arundel* County, that (as very little of the County Tax has this Year been paid in Money) they are requeſted to pay off their Dues by the Tenth of *June* (the Time affix'd by Law) in Tobacco, that the Subſcriber may be enabled to pay the Officers and Clergy, in the limitted Time, their reſpective Demands. And thoſe who do not ſettle, agreeable to Law, will oblige me to collect in a Way very diſagreeable to them and me: But as I cannot pay the Officers and Clergy, except the Public pays me, I muſt, in Juſtice to myſelf, do what the Law directs; which I am in Hopes every Gentleman will prevent, by complying with the Law. Conſtant Attendance will be given every Wedneſday and Thurſday at my Office, to ſettle with all Gentlemen; which will oblige *Their moſt humble Servant*,

John Raitt, Sheriff of *Anne Arundel* County.

WHEREAS *Elizabeth*, the Wife of the Subſcriber, living near *Manockaſy*, hath eloped from him, and may probably run him in Debt: This is therefore to forewarn all Perſons againſt truſting the ſaid *Elizabeth*, on his Account, for he will pay no Debts of her contracting after this 23d Day of *April*, 1755.

Charles Nell.

GAMALIEL BUTLER,

HAVING procured an exceeding good BLOCK-MAKER, from *Philadelphia*, carries on that Buſineſs in *Annapolis*, at the Shop lately kept by *Thomas Fleming*; and all Gentlemen who may want Blocks of any Sort, for Shipping, may depend on being ſerved in the beſt Manner, and at the cheapeſt Rates. He likewiſe makes and mends Pumps for Shipping and Wells; and alſo turns twiſted Balliſters and hollow Work.

JOHN CAMPBELL,

TAYLOR,

GIVES Notice to all his old Cuſtomers, and Others, that he now carries on his Buſineſs, at his Shop near the Church, next Door below Mr. *Wallace*'s, and above Mr. *Johnſon*'s, in *Church-Street*, *Annapolis*, where all Gentlemen may depend on being well ſerved, in the neateſt, beſt, and cheapeſt Manner, as he has extraordinary good Hands; and conſtant Attendance will be given, by

Their humble Servant,

3 *John Campbell.*

TO BE SOLD,

THE Houſes and Lot late in the Poſſeſſion of *Thomas King* of this City, Shoemaker, deceaſed. For further Particulars apply to

4 *Benjamin Welſh.*

RICHARD BRYAN,

PILOT, in *Annapolis*,

WILL Pilot Ships from *Annapolis* into *Patapſco*, or from *Patapſco* to *Annapolis*, at Three Pounds Currency each; and from *Annapolis* to *Saſſafras*, *North-Eaſt*, or *Suſquehanna*, at Five Pounds each, and the ſame down again. And all Maſters and Commanders of Veſſels may depend on his Care and Skill, as he has been employ'd in that Buſineſs for ten Years paſt, and never yet met with any Diſaſter.

P. S. Any Commander who may want Piloting to *Cape-Henry* ſhall be Piloted thither for ſeven Piſtoles, by

Their humble Servant,

5 *Richard Bryan.*

LEFT, ſome Time ago, in the Store of Mr. *Jacques*, near the Dock, a good GREAT COAT, which is now at the Printing-Office. The Owner of it may have it again, on deſcribing it, and paying the Charge of this Advertiſement.

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JUST IMPORTED,

In the GREYHOUND, *Capt.* ALEX. STEWART, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold, on board the ſaid Ship, by the Subſcriber, either by wholeſale or retail*,

GERMAN and *Iriſh* Linens, brown and white Sheeting, Oſnabrigs and brown Rolls, Lemons, refin'd Sugar, Cheeſe, *London* Porter and Ale, in Bottles and Caſk, Pickles, *viz.* Capers, Anchovies, Olives, and Catchup, beſt *Durham* Muſtard, and *Weſton*'s Snuff, Gloves and Mittens of all Sorts, Hats and Bonnets for Ladies, neweſt Faſhion fine Flawſe Tippets, *Scotch* Thread of all Sorts, Stocking Breeches and Waſtecoats 4 Thread, brown marbl'd and white Thread Stockings, ſeveral Sorts of hard Ware, Earthen and Stone Ware little inferior to China, *viz.* white Agate and Tortoiſe Plates and Diſhes, plain, ſcollop'd and flower'd, hand Baſons and Bottles, Fruit Baſkets, Salts, Coffee and Chocolate Cups, all Sorts of Milk Pans, Jugs, *&c.* Cordage and Oakam.

7 *James Houſton.*

RAN away from the Subſcriber, living in *Alexandria*, on the 26th of *March* laſt, an *Engliſh* Servant Man, named *James Large*, his Face is a little bruiſed and black: He had on a dark Claret colour'd Coat, lined with Alopeen, with Metal Buttons, a ſtrip'd Linſey Jacket, the Back and Front Parts, I believe, is of two Sorts, and a dark colour'd Pea working Jacket with Pewter Buttons, a Pair of light colour'd Breeches with Metal Buttons, and has a Hat and Wig. He went off on a ſmall Bay Horſe, has a Curb Bridle, and a Saddle but can't deſcribe it.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Servant, and brings him and Horſe to the Subſcriber, ſhall have a Piſtole Reward, if taken in the County, if taken out of the County Two Piſtoles, beſide what the Law allows, paid by

7 *John Dalton.*

JUST IMPORTED,

In the BETSEY, *Capt.* WHITE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his Store near the Dock in* Annapolis, *at reaſonable Rates, wholeſale or retail, for Current Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco*,

GREAT Variety of *European* and *Eaſt-India* GOODS, ſuitable to the SEASON.

John Raitt.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the BETSEY, *Capt.* JOHN WHITE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his Store in* Annapolis *and* London-Town, *at reaſonable Rates, wholeſale or retail, for Current Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco*,

VARIETY of *European* and *Eaſt-India* GOODS, fit for the SEASON. Alſo Cordage, Cables, Anchors, Duck, and Ship Chandlery of all Kinds, *Weſton*'s and *Arnold*'s beſt Snuff, Window Glaſs 8 by 10, Quart Bottles, beſt *Florence* Oil, *&c. &c.*

James Dick.

THE Subſcriber intending to leave off Tavern-keeping, deſires thoſe who are indebted to him, to come and rub out their Scores, which will greatly oblige him.

N. B. He will ſtill live in the ſame Houſe and take in Gentlemen at private Lodgings, where they ſhall be well accommodated, by

Their humble Servant,

Charles Wallace.

HAVING already ſundry Times advertiſed in this *Gazette*, of which but little Notice has been taken; I find myſelf obliged *once more*, to give public Notice, That all Perſons on the Weſtern Shore of *Maryland* indebted to BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Eſq; and Company, of *Philadelphia*, are deſired to make ſpeedy Payment; and that Attendance will be given at Mr. *Middleton*'s in *Annapolis*, the firſt Week in the Provincial Court in *May* next, to receive the ſame.

William Young.

LENT, but forgot to whom, one of the Bodies of Laws of this Province. On the Title Page is wrote *Robert Gordon*. Whoever has got it, is deſired to return it to the Printer hereof.

February 27, 1755.

ALL Perſons indebted to *Richard Gildart*, Eſq; and Sons, of *Liverpool*, Merchants, for Dealings with their ſeveral Factors within this Province, are deſired to ſettle their reſpective Accounts with, and pay the Ballances due to, the Subſcriber, now Agent to the ſaid Company, at *Oxford*, before the firſt Day of *July* next, otherwiſe they may expect to be dealt with, for Recovery thereof, as the Laws, in that Caſe made and provided, direct: And all Perſons who have any Demands on the ſaid Company, are deſired, in that Time, to apply for Payment to

Thomas Brereton.

By whom is to be Sold, at *Oxford*, a large Aſſortment of *European* GOODS, on reaſonable Terms.

Baltimore County, *January* 25, 1755.

BROKE out of the County Goal, laſt Night, at *Joppa*, *John Tucker*, a Ship-Carpenter, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, has loſt ſome of his fore Teeth, he bends forward when walking, and is about 45 Years of Age.

Whoever apprehends the ſaid *Tucker*, and brings him to my Goal, ſhall have FOUR PISTOLES Reward, if taken in the County; if taken out of the County, FIVE PISTOLES Reward, and reaſonable Charges, paid by

William Young, Sheriff.

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